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Monday, October 19, 2009	
<i>Shoulder program commences: see accompanying shoulder program schedule for activity/event detail</i>	
3:00 pm	Registration Opens
Tuesday, October 20, 2009	
7:00 am	Registration Opens
8:30 am	■ Welcome, Chief Bill Williams, Squamish First Nation
8:35 am	■ Opening Remarks, Gene Miller, Gaining Ground
8:40 am	■ Introduction of Themes, Rob Abbott, Conference Moderator
8:50 am	■ <i>Welcome to the Green City</i> , Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver
9:15 am	■ <i>The City and the Resilient Future</i> , Paul Hawken, Author, <i>Blessed Unrest</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	■ <i>Ten Minutes of Inspiration</i> , Smart Growth BC (speaker TBD)
10:40 am	■ <i>Development is Community</i> , John Knott, Developer, The Noisette Project
11:25 am	■ <i>Waste Nothing—IRM</i> , Jon O’Riordan, Fidelis Resource Group
11:35 am	■ <i>Business and the One-Planet Economy</i> , Sarah Severn, Director of Horizons, Corporate

	Responsibility, Nike Inc.
12:20 pm	■ <i>Ten Minutes of Inspiration</i> , Smart Growth BC (speaker TBD)
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	<p>Workshops and Salons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community, City, Business—a new model for sustainability collaboration</i>, with thought leaders including Majora Carter, President, The Majora Carter Group • <i>BCIT Charrette—Creating a Sustainability Precinct</i> (hands on session) • <i>Conversation with Paul Hawken</i> • <i>Step-Change without Crisis?</i> Salon with Bill Rees • <i>Are Some Values just Habits in Disguise? Strategies for Organizational and Public Change</i> (thought leaders TBA) • <i>Southeast False Creek—Model Sustainable Community</i> • <i>A Fair Trade Purchasing Policy for Cities</i>—workshop directed by TransFair Canada • <i>City Sustainability Leaders Best Practices Session(s)</i> • <i>Transformative Learning: Building Resilient Communities Through Sustainability Education</i>
5:00 pm	Reception
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own
<i>Shoulder program: see accompanying shoulder program schedule</i>	
Wednesday, October 21 , 2009	
8:30 am	■ Recap of Tuesday, Plan for Day Ahead, Rob Abbott, Conference Moderator
8:40 am	■ Welcome, Chair Lois Jackson, Metro Vancouver
8:45 am	■ <i>Ten Minutes of Inspiration</i> , Smart Growth BC (speaker TBD)
8:55 am	■ Jim Diers, Author, <i>Neighbor Power: Building Community the Seattle Way</i>
9:25 am	■ Mike Harcourt
9:50 am	■ Nola-Kate Seymoar
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	■ <i>Welcome and New Smart Growth Vision</i> , Cam Brewer, Executive Director, Smart Growth BC
10:40 am	■ <i>Planning Down – What if Can Do Can't?</i> , Bill Rees, Professor, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia
11:30 am	■ <i>Shifting Corporate Culture</i> , Anita Burke, Founder, The Catalyst Institute
11:45 am	■ <i>Sustainability From the Community Up</i> , Majora Carter, President, The Majora Carter Group
12:30 pm	Lunch

2:00 pm	Workshops and Salons Begin
4:30 pm	<p>Workshops and Salons End (free evening)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shirtsleeves Study Session of a Market Model for Affordable Market and Non-Market Homes</i> ASH (Affordable Sustainable Homes) • <i>BCIT Charrette—Creating a Sustainability Precinct</i> (hands on session) • <i>The Power of Partnerships: aligning efforts to create sustainable communities</i> (CMHC) • <i>Corporate Citizenship and the Climate Change Response</i>—Profile of BICEP (Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy) • <i>IRM (Integrated Resource Management)—The 'Waste-Nothing' Approach to Wastewater and Energy Capture</i> • <i>Green Media</i> • <i>Growing the Green Economy</i>—workshop anchored by economic development leaders from Vancouver and Portland
5:00 pm	Reception (TBC)
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own
<i>Shoulder program: see accompanying shoulder program schedule</i>	
Thursday, October 22, 2009	
8:30 am	■ Recap of Wednesday, Plan for Day Ahead, Rob Abbott, Conference Moderator
8:35 am	■ Remarks, Eva Kras, President, Canadian Society for Ecological Economics (CANSEE)
8:45 am	■ <i>The City and the Systems of Nature</i> , Pamela Mang, Principal, Regensis, Inc.; and Bill Reed, Principal, Integrative Design Collaborative
9:30 am	■ <i>Effective Climate Policies and Faking It Policies</i> , Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	■ <i>4,000,000 People, 100^o—Phoenix Challenge</i> , Jon Fink, Director Global Institute of Sustainability (GIOS), Arizona State University; and Rob Melnick, Executive Dean, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University
11:05 am	■ <i>Living in the Living Forest</i> , Doug Makaroff, President, Living Forest Communities
11:15 am	■
11:50 pm	■ <i>Green Economy, Green Jobs</i> , Tom Osdoba, Director, Center for Sustainable Business Practices, University of Oregon; and the City of Portland
12:20 pm	■ <i>Resilient Cities Manifesto</i> , Mark Holland, Principal, HB Lanarc
12:40 pm	Conference Summary / Close, Rob Abbott, Conference Moderator
12:50 pm	Lunch free
1:45 pm	<i>Afternoon/evening shoulder programs commence: see accompanying shoulder program schedule</i>

Friday, October 23, 2009
<i>Shoulder program continues: see accompanying shoulder program schedule</i>

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Shoulder Program

The following are shoulder events and activities that will take place in conjunction with, and immediately before and after the *Gaining Ground/Resilient Cities* conference. Information below is subject to change.

- o **Resilient Cities in a Post Carbon World:** The Post Carbon Institute presents a panel discussion by some of North America's top thinkers on what the growing crises of energy, climate, water, and population mean for cities everywhere. Join us for an honest conversation on what cities truly face in a world of growth limits, and what citizens and leaders can realistically do to cultivate local resilience. Featuring PCI Fellows Bill Rees (co-author of *Our Ecological Footprint*), Anthony Perl (co-author of *Transport Revolutions: Moving People and Freight Without Oil*), and Warren Karlenzig (author of *How Green is Your City?: The SustainLane US City Rankings*). Moderated by PCI Program Director Daniel Lerch (author of *Post Carbon Cities: Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty*). October 20, 7:30pm.
- o The **Real Estate Foundation of BC**, one of the conference sponsors, is convening a dozen Canadian and US grant-makers whose programs focus on land use innovation. These foundations will participate directly in the conference, study matters of common interest, and create educational tools based on the contents of the conference that they and other North American foundations can use to shape funding directions and priorities;
- o **Transformative Learning: Building Resilient Communities Through Sustainability Education**, Tuesday October 20, 2009 (all day).
- o Inception of the **Pacific Coast Green Cities Network**, with leadership from the Governors of Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California and the Premier of British Columbia directed through the Pacific Coast Collaborative;
- o Leadership from Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson inviting a **Pacific Coast Mayor's network** in cooperation with Vancouver's Greenest City Action Team initiative;
- o Representatives from **Canadian and US universities** meeting within the conference program to develop strategies to expand the sustainability curriculum into all study fields;
- o North American journalists representing mainstream and green media meeting within the conference for a **'green media that matters'** program, and to be part of (and report on) the conference;
- o **Urban sustainability managers** from a range of North American cities who will be attending the conference and holding professional development events throughout the conference program;
- o **Green Tours** organized both by SFU and the Cascadia Green Building Council;
- o **Corporate and business workshops** to accelerate alignment with climate action and urban sustainability programs;
- o Evening presentation at the conference by **Janette Sadik-Khan**, Transportation Commissioner New York City (described as equal parts Jane Jacobs and Robert Moses): "The Role of the Automobile in the City."
- o The **Watershed Wealth Cooperative**, a *Resilient Cities* partner, invites all conference attendees to their evening social networking event. It will provide an opportunity to extend the conversation initiated at the earlier WWC session being presented in conjunction with the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics conference. The evening event will highlight innovative aspects of social purpose enterprise which makes a profitable business of habitat restoration in urban, agricultural and forestry settings.